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A PLEDGE

WITH THE MEN AND WOMEN OF RICE,
WHEREVER UNDER THE TWELVE WINDS
OF HEAVEN THEY ARE STATIONED OR IN
ACTION, WE DEDICATE OURSELVES AGAIN
TO THE CAUSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
THEY ARE SERVING WITH THEIR MIGHT
AND THEIR LIVES. MAY GOD SUSTAIN THEM
AND US IN FAITH, HOPE, AND COURAGE.
MAY HE LEND HIS EVERLASTING AID TO
THEIR EFFORTS AND OURS FOR THE SPREAD
OF JUSTICE, TRUTH, FREEDOM, AND PEACE
AMONG THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF MEN.
AND MAY HE MERCIFULLY SPEED THE DAY
OF THEIR RETURN IN VICTORY TO THIS
PLACE, TO THEIR OWN HOMES, AND TO THE
HOMES OF THEIR MOTHERS AND FATHERS.